

To whom it may concern,

Please don't allow Bellsouth to refuse to sell DSL to small ISPs. Competition in the broadband market is essential to keep prices low and quality of service high. Allowing Bellsouth (or anyone else) to monopolize DSL sales for a given region cannot possibly be good for the consumer.

Bellsouth implies that customers of independent ISPs make up such a small portion of the total DSL market that it wouldn't really matter, statistically, if they all just switched. Please realize that they're still talking about hundreds of thousands of customers who would be forced to switch service providers, as well as probably a hundred small companies that would be driven out of business.

If the market-share of independent DSL providers is so small, why would Bellsouth be interested in pushing them out of the market?

Thank you.

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